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An Examiner's Answer to the Appeal Brief was mailed to Appellants on 12/21/10, and the case was forwarded to the Board of Anneals.

The Board of Appeals subsequently returned the case to the Examiner because the Information Disclosures Statements of 5/4/00 and 5/9/00 had not been considered.

Therefore, this communication serves as notice that the Information Disclosure Statements filed on 5/4/00 and 5/9/00 have been fully considered, and such consideration does not alter the grounds of rejection on appeal or the Examiner's Answer mailed on 12/21/10. The application will now be returned to the Board of Appeals for consideration.

No response by Appellants is required in response to this communication.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachary C. Howard whose telephone number is 571-272-2877. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary B. Nickol can be reached on 571-272-0835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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